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110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death
of William F. Buckley, Jr.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FEENEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives
on the death of William F. Buckley, Jr.

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., was an American hero and
the intellectual leader of the conservative movement for
five decades;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., led in a manner that
earned the respect and friendship even of his adversaries;

Whereas by virtue of his distinct personality, talents, good
humor, and goodwill, William F. Buckley, Jr., has been
recognized as the premier conservative intellectual in
post-World War II America, and has fostered an entire
generation of conservative scholars, academics, political
insiders, and writers;

Whereas in a display of his legendary and cheerful wit, William F. Buckley, Jr., once commented that he would “rather live in a society governed by the first 2,000 names in the Boston phone directory than in one governed by the 2,000 members of the Harvard faculty”;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., authored dozens of books, including “God and Man at Yale”; wrote thousands of columns; and was the preeminent debater of our times, including in such venues as his long-running public affairs show, “Firing Line”;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., founded National Review in November 1955 to provide a respectable and reasoned conservative voice in American public policy and political debates; and, in the first issue of that publication, he stated that the magazine was intended to respond to the rise of socialism and collectivism in America and “stands athwart history, yelling Stop”;

Whereas National Review, currently the largest conservative opinion magazine in the Nation, has succeeded in its mission to pronounce, distill, and refine conservative principles, and has set the benchmark for conservative public discourse on America and the world;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr.’s consistent efforts facilitated the rise of Senator Barry M. Goldwater and, ultimately, the presidency of Ronald W. Reagan;

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr.’s ideas and advocacy were instrumental in the defeat of collectivism at home and in the Soviet Union; and

Whereas William F. Buckley, Jr., refined and articulated a modern conservative theory that promoted maximum individual freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) honors and thanks William F. Buckley, Jr.,
3 for all he did to advance a conservative vision for
4 America and a capitalist, democratic vision for the
5 world;

6 (2) expresses its profound sorrow at the death
7 of William F. Buckley, Jr.; and

8 (3) expresses its condolences to the family,
9 friends, and colleagues of William F. Buckley, Jr.